रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) : (क) और (ख) मौजूदा बुक स्टालों के अलावा बड़े पैमाने पर नये आबंटन सहकारी समितियों, बेरोजगार-स्नातकों की एसोसियेशनो और वास्तविक कार्यकर्ताओं/रेलवे बुक स्टालों के वैंडरों की सहकारी सोसाइटियों और बेरोजगार स्नातक युवकों के लिए निर्धारित किये जाते हैं। इसके अलावा, ऐसे स्टेशनों पर जहां बड़े ठेकेदार बुक स्टाल चलाते हैं, वहां प्लेटफार्म पर भीड़-भाड़ आदि सहित विभिन्न संबंधित तत्वों को ध्यान में रखते हुए बुक स्टालों का आबंटन लाभ अर्जित न करने वाले/लोकोपकारी संगठनों को किया जा सकता है।

(ग) और (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Length of Railway routes in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra

344. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of railway routes, broad gauge, metre gauge and narrow gauge in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government propose to convert the metre and narrow gauge lines in Vidarbha into broad gauge; and

(c) what is the kilometreage and names of new lines approved by the Planning Commission for Vidarbha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Length of railway routes, region wise, is not being maintained. However, in the State of Maharashtra as on 1.4.92 the route kms. are as under:—

BG	MG	NG	Total
3460	881	1100	5441

(b) Work of conversion of (i) Gondia-Chandafort (242 km) NG to BG in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra is in progress. (ii) Khandwa-Purna (NG to BG) is included in the first phase of the action plan of Project Uni-guage. Work will be taken up in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(iii) Nagbhir-Nagpur & Pachora-Jamner will be considered for inclusion in the next phase.

(iv) Other NG lines Yavtmal-Murtizapur-Achalpur & Pulgaon-Arvi are private lines and as such the question of their conversion would be considered only if the Railways decide to exercise the option to take over these lines, which can be considered only at the time of next renewal of agreement in 1996.

(c) New BG line between Narkhed-Amravati (138 km) has been approved by the Planning Commission.

'Own your Wagon' Scheme

345. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposal "OWN YOUR WAGON" scheme for providing ownership of a freight trains;

(b) if so, the details of the firms shown interest for the proposed scheme;

(c) whether Government would be benefited by the said scheme; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following firms have shown interest in the proposed scheme:

(i) M|s. Tata Tea Limited.

(ii) M|s. ESSAR Gujarat Limited.

(iii) Indian Oil Corporation on behalf of the oil sector.

(c) and (d) Private sector investment in rail transport infrastructure would be beneficial in augmentation of rail transport capacity for expeditious movement of raw materials and finished products in the core industries and would also supplement the resources required by Railways for acquisition of additional rolling stock.

Plying the Satavahana Express

346. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) since when Satavahana express is plying between Vijayawada and Secunderabad and vice versa;

(b) how many days the train has run late on either side since introduction; and

(c) what steps have been taken to eliminate the late running?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 2713|2714 Satavahana Express has been plying between Vijayawada and Secunderabad since 1-7-92.

(b) The train reached late at Vijayawada on 161 days and Secunderabad 125 days during July 1992 to January, 1993.

(c) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring is being done to improve the punctuality of the train.

Late running of Trains between Vijayawada and Secunderabad

347. DR. YELMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train plying on either side between Vijayawada and Secunderabad;

(b) the number of them running late;

(c) what are the details for the last one year; and

(d) what steps have been taken to eliminate late running?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 8 pairs of Mail|Express trains, including 2713|2714 Satavahana Express which originates|terminates at Vijayawada and Secunderabad, run between Vijayawada and Secunderabad.

(b) and (c) Punctuality percentage of these trains during last one year has been as follows:—

March, 92	90·00	September, 92 . . .	92·5
April, 92	92·5	October, 92	90·7
May, 92	85·5	November, 92 . . .	90·4
June, 92	88·00	December, 92 . . .	90·0
July, 92	94·00	January, 93	90·0
August, 92	96·3	February, 93 (upto 15th) .	80·0

(d) Intensive chasing and round the clock monitoring is being done to improve late runing of trains.

Drop in Passengers Traffic in Narayanadri Express

348. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a drop in passengers traffic on Tirupati-Secunderabad Narayanadri Express after change in timings at Guntur Sattenapalli, Miryalaguda and Nalgonda; and

(b) if so, what are the details and what steps have been taken to revive the demand?